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### **Future VTOL Scenarios**



- 2025: Fielded and battle tested capability
  - Precise discrete autonomous cargo moves
    - 4x400lbs/200kts/750nm/20k ft
    - 4x1000lbs/220kts/850nm/20k ft
  - Deliver and retrograde w/o MHE
  - From land or seabased distribution node
- 2035: Fielded capability
  - Capacity-based cargo moves
    - 1x20tn/260kts/1000nm/20k ft
    - ...or larger w/new engine program



# Joint Multi-Role (JMR) Needs



- Increased capabilities across the board
  - Expand all VTOL missions
- Lower costs
  - Robust, common air machine
  - Modular interface to mission packages
- Maintain/enhance industrial base
  - Advance subsystem technologies (off-ramp)
  - Vendor competition over full JMR life-cycle





# MTR Cargo/Utility Features

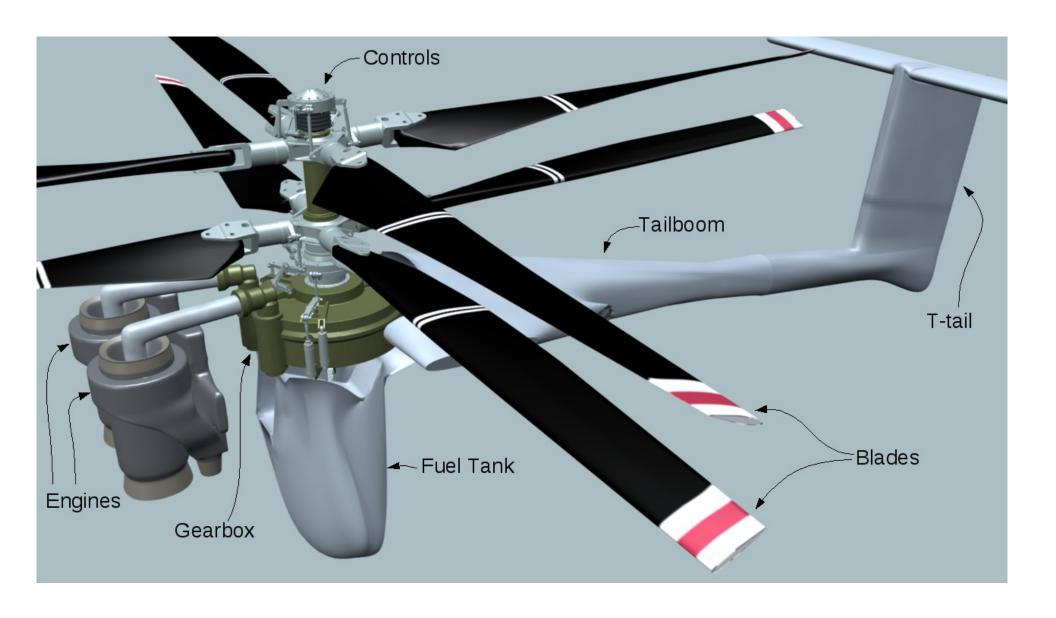
- Common drive system and tail assembly built from mature components & technologies
- Modular cargo pod
  - Joint Modular Intermodal Container
  - Pallet, cargo net, other...
- Modular, hinged, dry (no fuel) wing panels
  - Droop for maximum performance takeoff
  - Lock for cruise, for landing (, & for takeoff)

See videos and illustrations



### MTR Common Features

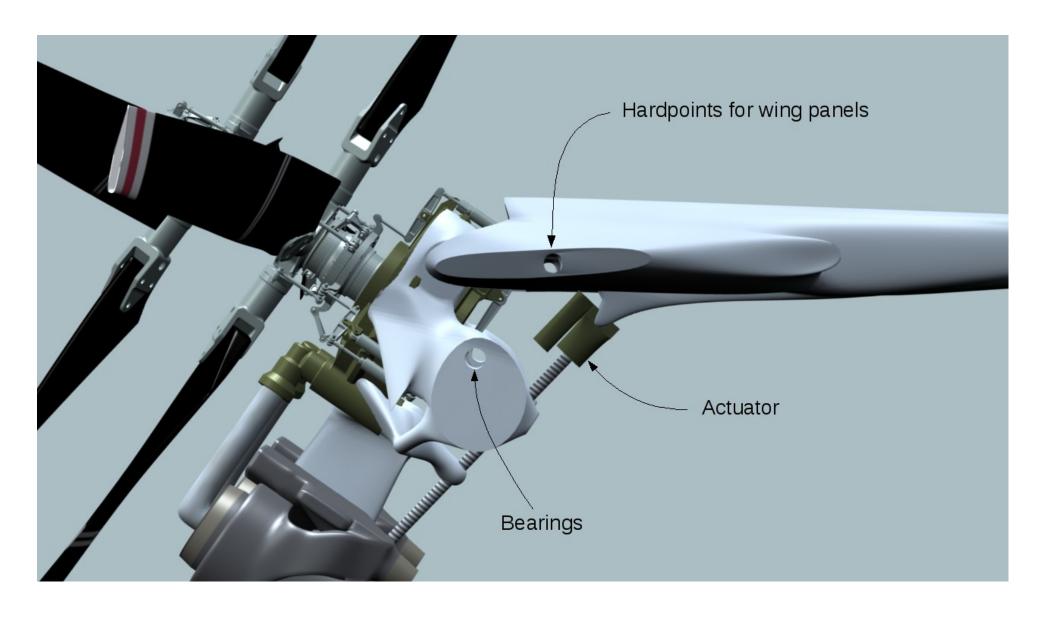






## MTR Unique Features

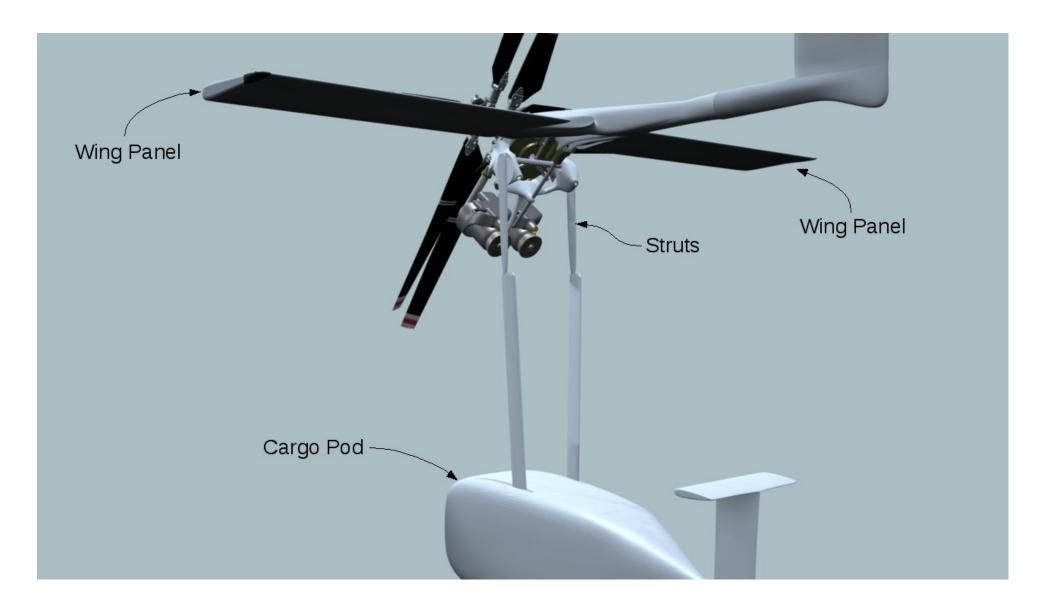














## MTR Attack Features



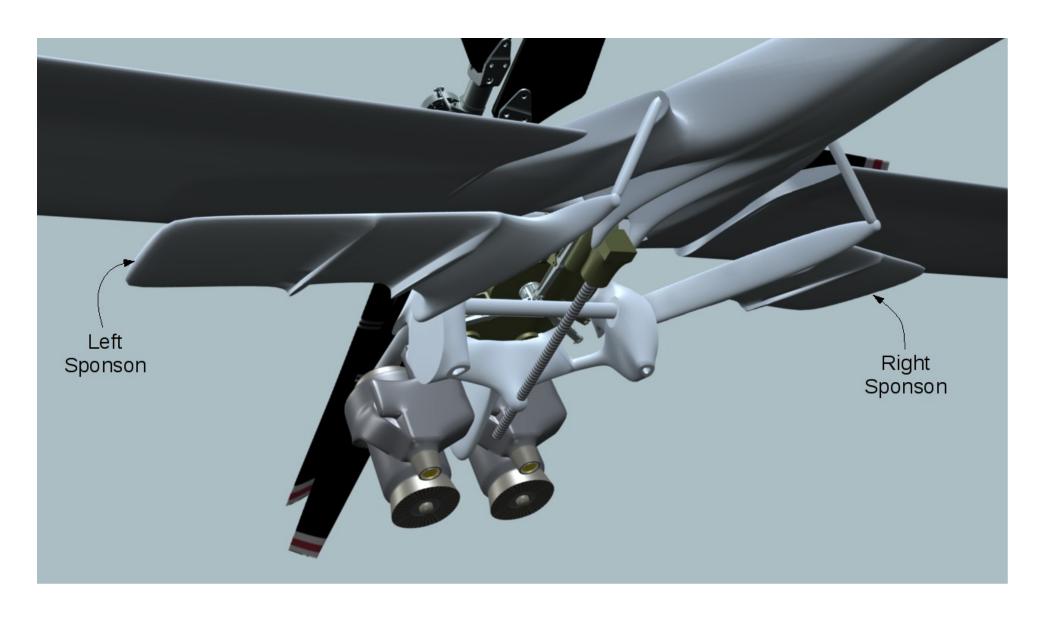
- Common drive system and tail assembly built from mature components & technologies
- Fixed, wet (fuel) wing with tip mounted AAM
- Eliminate cargo pod assembly
- Armaments supported by strut hardpoints
  - AGM
  - Cannons
  - Rockets

See videos and illustrations



### MTR Attack Features

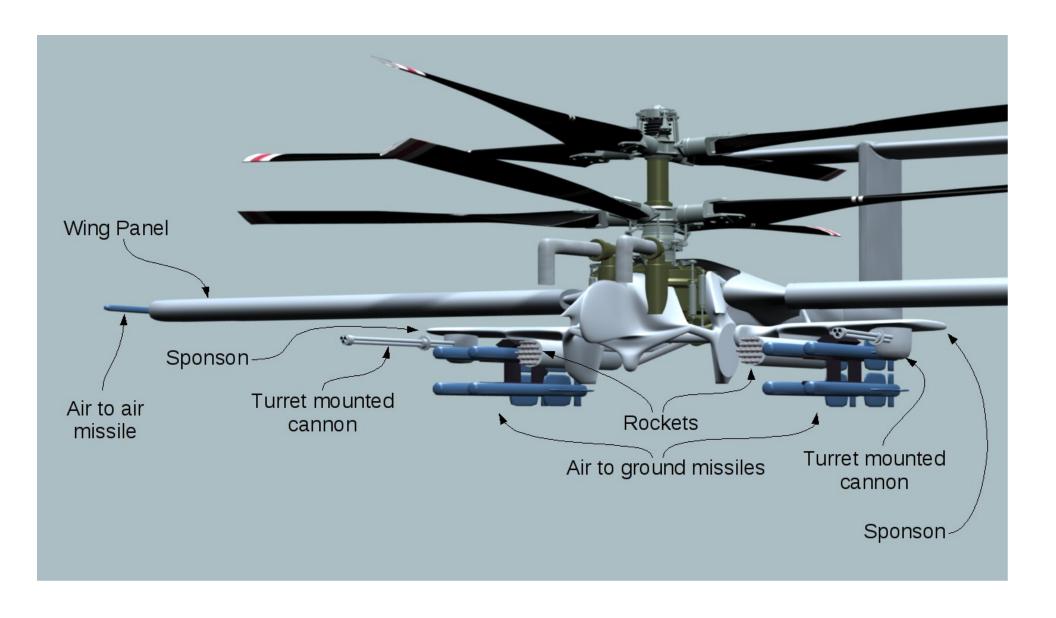






### MTR Armaments











- In comparison to legacy helicopters for long range (750nm to 1000nm) cargo missions:
  - 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the baseline structural weight
  - 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the fuel burn
  - $-\frac{1}{2}$  of the size (i.e. rotor diameter)
  - Nearly twice the speed
- Performance advantage due to system level architecture [not due to subsystem advances]
  - Large disk with minimal download in hover
  - Optimal wing and small frontal area in cruise







- Common drive system and common hinged tail assembly for all missions and configurations...
  - Engines and gearbox
  - Hubs, blades, and controls
  - Tailboom, stabilizers, and control surfaces
  - Conversion actuator
- No reconfiguration of drive/tail assembly to remissionize between cargo and attack roles



# MTR Advantages (cont. 2)

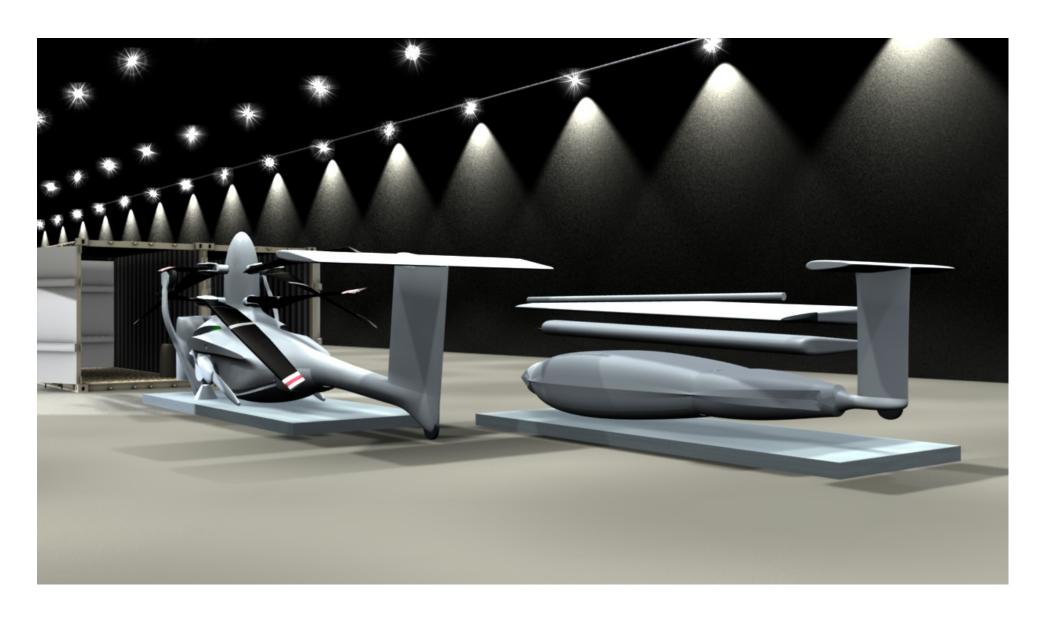


- Mission packages are external to airframe
  - Relaxed cube constraints
  - Simple mechanical interface
  - Decouple from airframe program
- Modular airframe architecture
  - Disassembles for stowage and transport
  - Highly accessible components and subassemblies for maintenance actions











### MTR Benefits



- Breakthrough range/speed/payload using COTS components and technologies
- Reduced acquisition costs (weight of airframe)
- Reduced O&S costs (weight of fuel; modular)
- Reduced component S&T costs (COTS)
- Rapid reconfiguration between roles
  - Connect cables for cargo
  - Mount armaments for attack





#### **BTC Business Model**

- Licensee of MTR patents for MTR research
- Funded by US Government R&D contracts
  - All deliverable data licensed to US Gov't
  - Preference to publish all reports
- Ad hoc, world-class R&D teams for each SOW
- Primary focus is on MTR technical bona fides
- Responsive to Government needs while advancing the understanding of the MTR
- Positioned for future teaming arrangement(s)

Extreme Development speeds time to market.



### MTR R&D Timeline

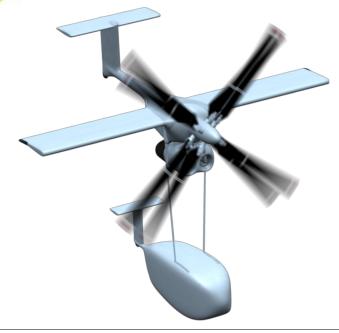


- 2004: MTR Concept Study (ONR)
  - → Breakthrough performance possible
- '05/06: 3000lbs payload design (AATD)
  - Point design created
- '07/08: Demonstration and Validation (AATD)
  - Function demonstrated on RC flight models
  - Point design independently validated
- '09/10: Cargo UAS Operations Study (ONR)
  - Contract awards to Bell Helicopter & to BTC



#### Mono Tiltrotor (MTR)





#### Technology [TRL 4]

- Pitch axis suspended load air vehicle
- >Efficient hover and cruise connector
- Sustain battlefield from sea or ashore

#### **Design**

- >3000lbs load, 750nm, 200kts, UAS
- >2xT800, 52% struct. eff., Cruise L/D=10
- ≥25ft rotor, 30ft span
- Sized for MILVAN transportability
- Sized to transport JMIC
- >Reconfigures into an attack aircraft

#### **Participants**

- >Army AATD Ft Eustis; ONR
- >Baldwin Technology Company (BTC) w/
  - Bell, GT, UMd, ARL, Eagle Aviation

#### Status and Plans

- >ONR Conceptual Design Study FY04
- >AATD Concept/Prelim Design FY05-06
- → AATD Validation Activities FY07-08
- →ONR Operations Study FY09-10

#### **Research Contracts**

Amounts (\$K)	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY09	<b>Total</b>
ONR	277			690	967
AATD		810	819		1629

#### **Benefits**

- Breakthrough in vertical sustainment speed, range, and payload using COTS components and technologies
- >1/3 of structural weight & fuel compared to conventional helicopter at same range





## MTR Next Steps

- For the first time in its development lifecycle, the MTR is becoming resource constrained
  - Very little funding was needed to answer basic questions regarding merit and value
  - MTR fundamentals are now understood, and commitment is needed to show operational potential to user community
- Will need Government support for TRL-5
  demonstrations of suspended cargo pod and
  aerodynamic wing deployment using a
  medium lift UAS helicopter as a flying testbed





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